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SUBJECT: SECDEF REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION
WITHIN NATO

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1. WE WILL POUCH EMBASSY REQUESTED FIVE COPIES OF
UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF SUBJECT REPORT WHICH MAY BE
PASSED TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT VIA AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
COORDINATION WITH NATO. (FYI: UNCLASSIFIED REPORT
SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 28.)

2. RELEASING A CLASSIFIED TEXT OF THIS REPORT TO
SPANISH POSES A NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES. THERE ARE TWO
SUCH VERSIONS, A NATO SECRET AND A US SECRET TEXT. THE
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US SECRET REPORT CONTAINS SOME INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED
IN THE TEXT PROVIDED TO OUR NATO ALLIES AND, AS SUCH, WE
WOULD BE UNWILLING TO PASS IT OR AN EDITED VERSION
CONTAINING INFORMATION NOT IN THE NATO TEXT TO THE

SPANISH GOVERNMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WOULD NOT
WISH TO PASS THE NATO VERSION WITHOUT COORDINATING

RELEASE IN NATO IN AS MUCH AS REPORT CONTAINS
SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS OF OTHER ALLIES.
BUT, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO SEEK ALLIED CONCURRENCE AT
THIS TIME IN PASSING SPANISH NATO TEXT -- A PROCEDURE
WHICH LIKELY WOULD ENTAIL PREPARING A SPECIAL EDITED
VERSION OF NATO REPORT. IN OUR VIEW THE SANITIZATION
AND EDITING NOT ONLY WOULD INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE
DELAY BUT WOULD ALSO RESULT IN AN END PRODUCT NOT
APPRECIABLY DIFFERENT FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION.

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